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"Amendment of the claims under Article 19(1) (Rule 46)"

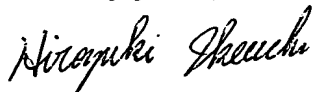
Re: International Application No. PCT/JP2004/012890
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the ISA relating to the above-identified International Application transmitted on 14 December 2004, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

That is, claim 5 is amended, claims 4 and 6 are canceled and claims 1-3 are retained unchanged.

Sincerely yours,



IKEUCHI SATO & PARTNER PATENT ATTORNEYS
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Attachment:

(1) Amendment under Article 19(1)

2 sheets

protrusion to prevent the cam pin from demating from the cam groove.

3. A collapsible lens barrel whose lens group is advanced when an image is captured and whose lens group is retracted when the image is not captured,
5 the collapsible lens barrel comprising:

a driving frame for driving the lens group, comprising a cam pin and a demating prevention pin that have an identical shape including a cylindrical portion and a tapered portion at its tip;

10 a cam frame comprising a cam groove and a demating prevention groove that mate with the cam pin and the demating prevention pin, respectively;

a first protrusion provided on at least one side in an optical axis direction of a portion of the demating prevention groove with which the demating prevention pin mates when the driving frame is advanced; and

15 a second protrusion provided on at least one side in the optical axis direction of a portion of the demating prevention groove with which the demating prevention pin mates when the driving frame is retracted;

wherein, in a state where the lens group has been advanced, the cylindrical portion of the demating prevention pin may contact the first
20 protrusion to prevent the cam pin from demating from the cam groove, and

in a state where the lens group has been retracted, the cylindrical portion of the demating prevention pin may contact the second protrusion to prevent the cam pin from demating from the cam groove.

25 4. (Canceled)

5. (Amended) A collapsible lens barrel whose lens group is retracted when an image is not captured, the collapsible lens barrel comprising:

a driving frame for driving the lens group, comprising a cam pin
30 including a cylindrical portion and a tapered portion at its tip;

a cam frame comprising a cam groove that mates with the cam pin;
and

a second protrusion provided on at least an object side in an optical
axis direction of a portion of the cam groove with which the cam pin mates
5 when the driving frame is retracted;

wherein, in a state where the lens group has been retracted, the
cylindrical portion of the cam pin may contact the second protrusion to
prevent the cam pin from demating from the cam groove.

10 6. (Canceled)